

USG SHEETROCK® BRAND AR FIRECODE® X PANELS



5/8 in. (15.9 mm) Type X panels with abuse resistance for interior applications

- Designed and tested to offer greater resistance to surface abrasion, indentation and impact damage than 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® X Panels
- Comply with ASTM C1396, *Standard Specification for Gypsum Board*, for 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) and Type X gypsum wallboard
- Tested to ASTM C1629, *Standard Classification for Abuse-Resistant Nondecorated Interior Gypsum Panel Products and Fiber-Reinforced Cement Panels*, for surface abrasion and indentation resistance, and soft- and hard-body impact
- Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Classification as to fire resistance, surface burning characteristics and noncombustibility
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)

DESCRIPTION

USG Sheetrock® Brand AR Firecode® X Panels (UL Type AR) are 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) Type X panels designed and tested to offer greater resistance to surface abrasion, indentation and impact damage than 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® X Panels. These abuse-resistant panels feature a noncombustible gypsum core that is encased in 100% recycled, heavy duty face and back papers that form a high strength composite design. The face paper is folded around the long edges to reinforce and protect the core, and the ends are cut square and even. The long edges of the panels are tapered, allowing joints to be reinforced and concealed with USG Sheetrock® Brand joint treatment systems. The panels are UL Classified for fire resistance and can be used in any UL design in which Type AR panels are listed. On the face, along the long edge of each panel, the UL Type Designation is printed for easy identification by building inspectors.

Note: For projects requiring superior abuse resistance, specify 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) USG Sheetrock® Brand Mold Tough® VHI Firecode® X Panels.

INTENDED FOR

- Commercial or residential applications where 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) Type X panels with greater resistance to surface abrasion, indentation and impact damage are required
- Areas where additional abuse resistance is desired
- Load-bearing and nonload-bearing wood- or steel-framed fire-rated walls
- New or repair and remodel construction

LIMITATIONS

1. Avoid sustained exposure to temperatures exceeding 125°F (52°C).
2. Avoid exposure to excessive, repetitive or continuous moisture before, during and after installation. Eliminate sources of moisture immediately.
3. Must be stored off the ground and under cover in accordance with Gypsum Association's GA-801, *Handling and Storage of Gypsum Panel Products*.
4. For abuse-resistant construction over steel stud framing, minimum 20-gauge (0.0296 in. [0.752 mm] base metal thickness) steel studs, as defined by the Steel Stud Manufacturers Association (SSMA), are recommended.

INTERIOR INSTALLATION, FINISHING AND DECORATING INSTALLATION

For maximum framing spacing in non-fire-resistance-rated applications of gypsum panel products, refer to Gypsum Association's GA-216, *Specifications for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products* or ASTM C840, *Standard Specification for Application and Finishing of Gypsum Board*. For fire-resistance-rated applications, refer to the published UL Design or GA File Number.

Maximum Framing Spacing for Single-Layer Application

Location	Gypsum Panel Thickness	Gypsum Panel Orientation to Framing	Maximum Framing Spacing OC
Ceilings ¹	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Parallel	16 in. (406 mm)
		Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm)
Walls	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Parallel	24 in. (610 mm)
		Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm)

**INTERIOR INSTALLATION,
FINISHING AND DECORATING, CONT.**

INSTALLATION

Maximum Framing Spacing for Multi-Layer Application Without Adhesive Between Layers

Location	Gypsum Panel Thickness	Gypsum Panel Orientation to Framing	Maximum Framing Spacing OC
Ceilings ¹	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Parallel	16 in. (406 mm)
		Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm)
Walls	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)	Parallel	24 in. (610 mm)
		Perpendicular	24 in. (610 mm)

Note:

1. On ceilings to receive water-based texture material, 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) gypsum board shall be applied either parallel to framing spaced at 16 in. (406 mm) OC or perpendicular to framing spaced maximum 24 in. (610 mm) OC. See Appendix A.3 of Gypsum Association's GA-216, *Specifications for the Application and Finishing of Gypsum Panel Products* for more information.

USG Sheetrock® Brand AR Firecode® X Panels are by design stronger and have greater surface hardness than standard 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) Type X panels. Because of this, they are heavier and will be more difficult to install. Slower installation production rates should be accounted for in job planning.

Installing USG Sheetrock® Brand AR Firecode® X Panels on steel thinner than 20-gauge (minimum 0.0296 in. [0.752 mm] base metal thickness), as defined by the SSMA, may result in increased fastener strip-out, improper screwhead seating or other related conditions. For more information, refer to USG TechNOTE *Reducing Occurrences of Screw Spinout on Steel Studs When Installing Abuse- & Impact-Resistant Gypsum Panels* (ST700).

FINISHING AND DECORATING

For high-quality finishing results, USG recommends USG Sheetrock® Brand finishing products.

Painting products and systems should be used that comply with recommendations and requirements in Appendices of ASTM C840. For priming and decorating with paint, texture or wall covering, follow manufacturer's directions for materials used. Gypsum Association's GA-214, *Recommended Levels of Finish for Gypsum Board, Glass Mat and Fiber Reinforced Gypsum Panels* should be referred to in order to determine the level of finishing needed to ensure a surface properly prepared to accept the final decoration.

All surfaces, including applied joint compound, must be thoroughly dry, dust-free and not glossy. Prime with USG Sheetrock® Brand First Coat™ Primer or with an undiluted, interior latex flat paint with high-solids content. Allow to dry before decorating.

To improve fastener concealment where gypsum panel walls and ceilings will be subjected to critical artificial or natural lighting, or will be decorated with a gloss paint (eggshell, semigloss or gloss), the gypsum panel should be skim coated with joint compound. This equalizes suction and texture differences between the drywall face paper and the finished joint compound before painting. As an alternative to skim coating, or when a Level 5 finish is required, use USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacer. See *USG Sheetrock® Brand Tuff-Hide™ Primer-Surfacer Submittal Sheet* (J1613) for limitations and application instructions.

For more information, refer to USG literature *Finishing & Decorating Gypsum Panels White Paper* (J2010).

TEST DATA

Property		ASTM Test Method	Requirement	UL Type AR
Noncombustibility		E136	Noncombustible	Meets
Surface-burning characteristics	Flame spread	E84	Flame Spread Index, not greater than 25 ²	15
	Smoke developed	E84	—	5
	Class A	E84	Flame spread not greater than 25 and smoke developed not greater than 450	Meets
Core hardness	Field	C473 (B)	Not less than 11 lbf (49 N) ²	Meets
	End	C473 (B)	Not less than 11 lbf (49 N) ²	Meets
	Edge	C473 (B)	Not less than 11 lbf (49 N) ²	Meets
Flexural strength	Parallel	C473 (B)	Not less than 46 lbf (205 N) ²	Meets
	Perpendicular	C473 (B)	Not less than 147 lbf (654 N) ²	Meets
Humidified deflection		C473	Not greater than 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) ²	Meets
Nail pull resistance		C473 (B)	Not less than 87 lbf (387 N) ²	Meets

Note:

2. Per ASTM C1396 for 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) gypsum wallboard.

TEST DATA CONT.

ABUSE RESISTANCE

Test Standard	Test Summary	ASTM C1629 Classification Levels	Test Results
Abrasion Resistance ASTM D4977	A sample is placed under a wire brush weighted with 25 lbs. (11.3 kg). The brush is then cycled 50 times back and forth across the surface. This creates surface wear that is measured to determine the level of abrasion resistance.	Maximum Depth Level 1 = 0.126 in. (3.2 mm) Level 2 = 0.059 in. (1.5 mm) Level 3 = 0.010 in. (0.3 mm)	Level 2 ³
Indentation Resistance ASTM D5420	A 2 lb. (0.91 kg) weight is raised to a 36 in. (914 mm) height and dropped onto a 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) hemispherical die that strikes the sample with 72 in•lb (12.6 J) of force. The depth of the indentation is measured to determine the level of indentation resistance.	Maximum Depth Level 1 = 0.150 in. (3.8 mm) Level 2 = 0.100 in. (2.5 mm) Level 3 = 0.050 in. (1.3 mm)	Level 1
Soft-Body Impact Resistance ASTM C1629	A 60 lb. (27.2 kg) leather bag is suspended on a rope and raised away angularly from a sample installed on 2 x 4 in. (38 x 89 mm) wood framing 16 in. (406 mm) OC. The bag is raised (in 6 in. [152 mm] increments) and released to impact the sample. The impact energy is calculated based upon the bag weight and drop height where structural failure occurs.	Minimum ft•lbf (structural failure) Level 1 = 90 ft•lbf (122 J) Level 2 = 195 ft•lbf (265 J) Level 3 = 300 ft•lbf (408 J)	Level 2
Hard-Body Impact Resistance ASTM C1629	A 2 x 2 ft. (610 x 610 mm) sample is mounted vertically to a metal frame and impacted with a 2.75 in. (70 mm) diameter weighted swinging ram (resembling a sledgehammer). Weight is added in 2.5 lb. (1.1 kg) increments to increase the impact force. Failure energy is determined when penetration through the face into the frame cavity occurs.	Minimum ft•lbf (structural failure) Level 1 = 50 ft•lbf (68 J) Level 2 = 100 ft•lbf (136 J) Level 3 = 150 ft•lbf (204 J)	Level 1

Note:

3. USG testing demonstrates that when painted with one coat of primer and two coats of semigloss latex paint, the abrasion resistance increases to Level 3.

PRODUCT DATA

PRODUCT INFORMATION

See usg.com for the most up-to-date product information.

GREENGUARD Certified products are certified to GREENGUARD standards for low chemical emissions into indoor air during product usage. For more information, visit ul.com/gg.

CAUTION

Dust may cause irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Cut and trim with a utility knife or hand saw to minimize dust levels. Power tools must be equipped with a dust collection system. Wear eye, skin and respiratory protection if necessary. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call a physician. Do not swallow. If swallowed, call a physician. For more information call Product Safety: 800 507-8899 or see the SDS at usg.com
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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SAFETY FIRST!

Follow good safety and industrial hygiene practices during handling and installation of all products and systems. Take necessary precautions and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment as needed. Read Safety Data Sheets and related literature on products before specification and/or installation.



	UL Type AR
Thickness	5/8 in. (15.9 mm)
Lengths⁴	8-10 ft. (2438-3048 mm), 12 ft. (3658 mm)
Width	4 ft. (1219 mm)
Weight⁵, nominal	2.8 lb./sq. ft. (13.7 kg/sq. m.)
Edges	Tapered
Packaging	Two panels per bundle

Notes:

- Other sizes available by special order. Check with your local USG representative for availability.
- Represents approximate weight for design and shipping purposes. For specific product weight in your area, contact your local USG representative or call the Customer Service Center at 800 950-3839.

COMPLIANCE

- Comply with ASTM C1396 for 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) and Type X gypsum wallboard
- Meet ASTM C1629 classification for abuse-resistant gypsum panels
- Classified as a Class A Interior Finish Material per Section 803.1 of the International Building Code® (IBC®)
- UL Classification as to fire resistance, surface-burning characteristics and core combustibility
- Achieved GREENGUARD Gold Certification and qualifies as a low VOC emitting material (meets CA 01350)

SUBMITTAL APPROVALS

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